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CHILDREN and staff from Westborough School are digging up the past of people buried at North Road Cemetery.

With the help of Blade Education, and a £46,000 fund from the Lottery, photos, audio recordings and official information about those laid to rest there will create an archive.

Once completed the archive will be available to the public online.

The North Road Burial Ground, in Prittlewell, was opened in 1879. It is the resting place of 8,945 people.

It is their stories the project is trying to preserve.

Southend councillor for corporate support services, Andrew Moring, said the authority's bereavement services department was pleased to be working with the different groups in the project.

He said: "We felt it is very important that members of younger generations find out about their past and the people who lived in and shaped their community where they now live.

"What an excellent and innovative way to get the children and volunteers involved.

"The project will also provide additional information to be displayed at the burial ground as well as online."

To complement the archive the children are producing Heritage and Nature Trail Boards, to become a permanent fixture at the burial ground.

These will explain the history of some of the dead.

**RESEARCH:** Pupils Lilly Sayers, Ethan House, Alyssa Layzell and Charlie Coxell, from Westborough School, at the North Road Burial Ground.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



## Digging up the past

## CHILDREN'S CENTRES SET TO CLOSE OVER CUT IN FINANCE

CHILDREN'S centres are to close in Southend because of council budget cuts.

Little Treasures, in Electric Avenue, Westcliff, and Cockleshells, in Ambleside Drive, Southchurch, will be converted into nurseries for two-year-olds.

They currently provide day care for under fives.

A Southend Council survey said the change was necessary to save money.

The report said: "We have looked at retaining the number of children's centres in Southend, but with a reduced budget, the level of service that could be offered in each would undoubtedly fall below the level required by Ofsted."

The downgrade will mean management

changes, with possible redundancies.

Southend Council insisted parents will still get access to childcare within walking distance of their homes.

The changes are expected to save £280,000 in 2012/2013. Even more money will be saved from 2013, when the Government begins funding free childcare for two-year-olds. Until then, the council will spend an extra £200,000 on the free day care - a net saving of £80,000 in total.

Councillor for children and learning, Mark Flewitt, said the current financial difficulties meant the authority would not be able to do what they had in the past.

He said: "These proposals ensure that every

family can access a children's centre local to their home, a situation that is far better than families are experiencing elsewhere in the country.

"There are no easy decisions here. I appreciate that people wish children's services to be protected. That is what we are doing. We have more provision than we need across the town.

"There are no simple answers. There is not, as some have suggested, a way of 'finding the money elsewhere'."

Plans will be finalised once the public consultation ends on March 5.

You can have your say on the proposals by visiting [www.southend.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation](http://www.southend.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation) and filling in the online form.

### Jurassic Central

CENTRAL MUSEUM, in Victoria Avenue, has been transformed into Jurassic Central.

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### Victorian pastimes

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### Golf charity cash

THORPE Bay Golf Club has raised £2,850 for Fair Havens Hospice.

Over the past year, members of the golf club raised money by various functions throughout the year but more than half the donation - £1,700 - was raised by making the 16th hole a charity bunker - if you went in you had to pay up.

For more information on Fair Havens call 07891 514187.

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# Photographer's charts career in music with new exhibition

By Paul Giles

AN AWARD winning music photographer will be displaying his work at the White Wall Space gallery until the end of the month.

Dean Chalkley's show, 'Look Hear', covers his career of rubbing shoulders with some of the music industry heavyweights. His interest in photography started when he was trying to figure out how to use a Russian camera with his father in his back garden.

Dean, who studied at Southend Technical College, soon became interested in fashion and media culture.

He said: "When I was doing my A levels I realised I could start to investigate things I loved.

"I can't play any instruments myself so I decided to take photos of people in the music scene. I was interested in supporting people that were up and coming.

"I can remember taking pictures of the band The Horrors, before they actually formed, at a club held in The Royal Hotel called the Junk Club."

Since taking those pictures Dean's career has seen him win several awards including the New Musical Express Outstanding Contribution to Music 2011.

He has held photo shoots with the likes of the late Amy Winehouse,



SEE HEAR: Dean Chalkley with some of the pictures of top musicians he has shot.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Pete Doherty, White Stripes, Kasabian, Jarvis Cocker, Ian Brown and many more.

However, even though he has taken pictures of music royalty, Dean claims he does not have a favourite to snap.

He added: "Whenever I take a pic-

ture I can always think back to it and remember every detail.

"I don't have a favourite person I have taken a picture of, if anything every single one of them is my favourite as a whole.

"But it does add to it if you have to photograph someone you respect

like Paul Weller.

"He has been a massive influence on my life and it was great to get to shoot him."

Look Hear will be on display until Wednesday, February 29, at The White Wall Space Gallery, Leigh Hill, Leigh.

## Blues' stadium plans granted extension

PLANNING permission for Southend United's new stadium was given a three-year extension at a planning meeting last Tuesday.

The new 14,000 seater Southend United stadium is planned for Fossetts Farm.

Plans also include supermarket chain Sainsbury's to build a new store on the site of the club's current ground at Roots Hall.

Councillor Brian Kelly, chairman

of the development control committee, said plans had been given the all clear but work still needed to be done on behalf of the club.

He said: "A great number of steps have been taken to grant the necessary steps for the project to proceed as quickly as possible.

"By 2013 the stadium could be open and by 2014 Sainsbury's could be open."

The club was given planning per-

mission for the new stadium in 2008.

This was followed by Sainsbury's outline for development of a store at the Roots Hall site.

Proposals for the store include a 7,000sqm store, 604 car parking spaces, 350 new jobs and 270 flats.

Sainsbury's has agreed with the club to fund the first three sides of the ground in exchange for land at Roots Hall.

Only the 8,000 seater west stand, erected at a later date, will be paid for by the club.

Chairman Ron Martin said he was 'delighted' to receive the approvals, which he said would allow for the new stadium as well as plans to redevelop the Roots Hall site by Sainsbury's.

Mr Martin said: "It is a big tick in the box and a great result. I'm looking forward to the future."

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### Afternoon tea

SOUTHEND Oncology Supporters (SOS) will hold a charity afternoon tea on Saturday, March 3, at 2.30pm.

The event will be held at the Lamplights Brasserie in the Westcliff Hotel.

Tickets are £12 and all profits will help pay for medical equipment and extra comforts for Southend Hospital's cancer ward patients.

For more information, contact Derek Cooney on 01702 711189 or e-mail south.onc.supps@btinternet.com

### Sport Relief Mile

THE Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile will be held on Sunday, March 25.

It will take place at the Tennis Centre at Garons Park, and The Eastwood School.

To enter the Southend Sport Relief visit [www.sportrelief.com](http://www.sportrelief.com)

### Film festival gala

THE opening Gala of the Southend Film Festival will be on Thursday, May 3.

The opening film of the Gala will be 'Hard Boiled Sweets', a new gritty British gangster thriller that has been filmed in Southend and stars Ian Hart, Peter Wright, Paul Freeman and Elizabeth Berrington.

The closing film will be on Monday, May 7, at the Park Inn Palace.

The evening will feature the UK premiere of 'Lost in Italy', a mystery story about a man who wakes up in Italy with no recollection of how he got there.

For more information visit [www.southendfilmfestival.com](http://www.southendfilmfestival.com)

### Burglary appeal

THIEVES have stolen £18,000 of surveillance equipment from a vehicle in Westcliff.

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# Cash in now before solar payment cut

PEOPLE have just three weeks to cash in by installing solar panels that contribute to the national grid and save on bills.

The Government has decided 'feed in tariffs' - money paid to users of solar panels for electric - will be reduced by half on Saturday, March 3.

The deadline will see the rate reduced from 43 pence to 21 pence per kilowatt-hour of energy. Any fitting before then will get the higher rate for 25 years.

The benefit follows a ruling on Wednesday, January 25, at the Court of Appeal.

Judges upheld a High Court judgement that Government's plans to cut the tariff before March 3, were illegal due to a solar energy consultation in December not being completed.

Christine Hindle, director of Gytech Solar Ltd, explained the solar industry had seen a massive loss in orders because people did not think they were getting a fair deal under the proposal in December.

She said: "People thought it was a wonderful scheme so started to order panels."

"When people found out the Government was trying to halve the

amount they would get for using solar panels in December there was a massive amount of cancellations."

If people have the energy saving devices fitted before the deadline they will be entitled to the 43 pence rate for the next 25 years.

Christine added: "People need to take advantage of the scheme before the start of March to make sure they get the better deal."

"Even when it gets halved it is still a good deal because it lasts for 25 years."

"Installing solar panels can be paid for in five years then the next 20 are pure profit."

Ernie Humphries, a member of the South East Green Party, said people should try and take advantage of getting the higher tariff before the looming deadline.

He said: "It just makes sense because your saving money both ways."

"You are saving money on your own electricity and your earning money from the feed in tariff."

A typical system costs about £8,000 and takes between five to 10 years to pay for itself, depending on the south facing view.

Typically, the panels take a day to install.



UNHAPPY: Tony Khan, from Trade Solar Warehouse, is unhappy at the government cuts.

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# New sensory room opens

YOUNG adults with learning difficulties are thrilled with their new sensory room that officially opened last Thursday.

The room is a fully interactive multi-sensory facility boasting a varied range of equipment, including responsive bubble tubes, a colour-wash LED tunnel and a tactile wall.

Rick Oliver, vice principal of Southend Adult Community College, explained the new room has been a marvellous addition to the resources of the Westcliff Centre.

He said: "It has enhanced the learning experience for our young adults. Staff often comment upon the enjoyment of the students when using the facilities.

"We are very grateful for the generous donations which have helped make this room possible".

Students particularly enjoy using an interactive cube which activates six independent pieces of sensory equipment within the room. All equipment can be set to run automatically or controlled by a student via paddle switches.

Mike King, chair of governors at the Westcliff Centre, said students discover by banging a foam cube, lights flashing on and off and music playing.

He said: "This shows the students the relationship



ROOM: Jean Jarvis in the sensory room for young adults.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

between doing something with their hands and bringing a reaction that they can see.

"It is super to see the reaction of these young adults to the sensory room. It really is a great innovation and we thank the contributors very much for their support".

The sensory room at Southend Adult Community College's Westcliff Centre, in Prittlewell Chase, was made possible by a generous donation from The Sunflower Trust and contributions from the Rochford Rotary Club and Access Anyone.

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# Youth mayor elected

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND'S new Youth Mayor was appointed last Wednesday at a Youth Council meeting.

Zeeshan Mitha was elected to the post and will be shadowed by Martin Skam as his deputy.

Their duties will include being invited to represent Southend Youth Council at various events.

Zeeshan, 16, was delighted and shocked to be elected.

He said: "I am really looking forward to my first year in office."

Among the issues the pair hope to tackle are better careers advice, better access to apprenticeship schemes and a discount scheme in restaurants for young people.

**APPOINTED:** Youth mayor Zeeshan Mitha (right) was elected to the post and will be shadowed by Martin Skam as his deputy.



## ► speedread

### Half-term workshops

PUPPETS and photography will be used this half term to develop innovative artwork at special workshops.

Called 'Lets Explore Art Together,' the workshops, from 10.30am until 12.30pm on Thursday, February 16-17, are open to the whole family to enjoy and to be creative.

Sessions will take place at The St Christopher School, Mountdale Gardens, Leigh.

For bookings and more information, please contact 01702 215011.

### Disco down

THE SHIP pub in Leigh will be hosting a special free event called 'Middle Age Spread' on Friday.

The event, starting at 7.45pm, is a new bi monthly disco for the more mature person who spurns the typical night club but loves to dance.

A roster of five DJs, plus the occasional special guest, all of a special age, will be playing an eclectic mix of dance, ska, soul, party tunes and classic indie.

### Musical fun for youths

CHILDREN and young people aged from seven years old upwards are invited to enjoy some musical fun this half term.

Musical workshops are taking place from 10am until 2.45pm on Tuesday, February, 14, and from 10am until 12.30pm, on Wednesday, February, 15

These are being held at Southend High School for Girls, Southchurch Boulevard.

All young players are welcome to take part and all instruments are catered for.

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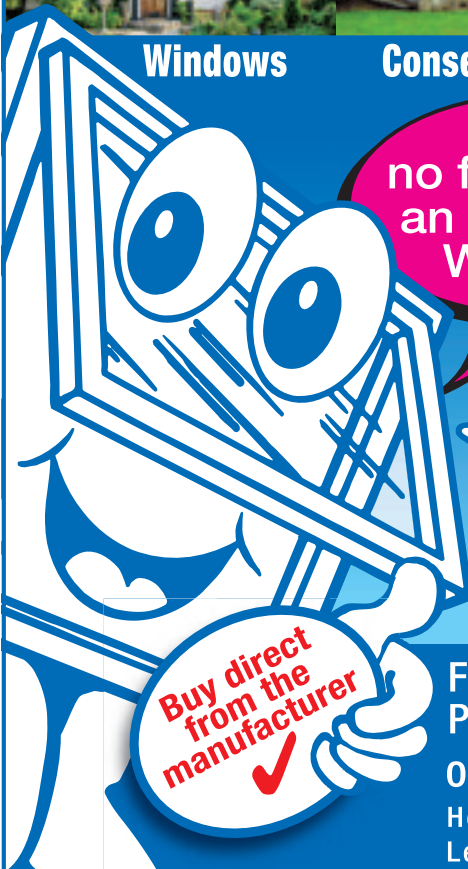
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## Band to hold gig to raise money for cancer charity

**MUSICAL:** Sidekick are to hold charity gig for Helen Rollason charity at the Ship, Old Leigh.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles

A BAND will be playing a special gig to raise money for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

The band Sidekick have chosen the charity because it cared for drummer Ben Maxwell when was diagnosed with bowel cancer back in 2009.

The 30-year-old explained he had

been suffering from stomach pains and had stopped eating when he was admitted to hospital.

The drummer said: "It was a strange experience because the cancer was only discovered when I was admitted to hospital.

"During my treatment I was being looked after by a group of Helen Rollason nurses.

"They were so kind when I was ill,

so I thought of holding the gig to give something back to them for their help."

The gig will also see The Sound Of supporting Sidekick, who will play a selection of cover versions.

The gig is being held at The Ship Pub, in Leigh Hill, Leigh, on Saturday, February 18.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets will be available on the door for £5.

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### Museum to hold birthday celebrations

SOUTHEND Theatres will be holding a Family Active Event at Southend Central Museum to bring the theatre's birthday celebrations to the community.

The event on Wednesday, February 15, will run from 11am until 3pm.

### MBE medal stolen

AN MBE medal awarded to a man for his service to young people was stolen during a burglary in Snakes Lane, Southend, last Friday.

At about 9am, a slim person wearing a three quarter length jacket was seen leaving a property in Snakes Lane, via the front door.

They also stole a laptop and a collection of pins and badges.

Anyone with any information should call 101.

### Sporty exhibition

THE BEECROFT Gallery will be hosting the Journey to the Podium exhibition until the end of March.

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Having suffered from migraines myself in the past, I know that they are much more than just a headache. People who haven't had one could never know how awful and debilitating they are. Regular migraine attacks can plague a sufferer's life and all they can do is live with them. There are a few theories out there as to what triggers a migraine but ultimately the cause is still unproven.

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## Potential buyers register interest for fuel refinery

By Paul Peterson

THE BELEAGUERED Coryton Refinery, in Corringham, could be facing a brighter future.

More than 40 companies from around the world have expressed an interest in buying the refinery, which left in crisis after its Swiss owners Petroplus went into administration last month.

Energy Minister Charles Hendry MP, who is leading talks with refinery managers, trade unions, politicians and

administrators, said there were still 'critical issues' to be resolved.

But he said: "It is extremely encouraging that there have been over 40 expressions of interest in Coryton and work will now focus on securing a sustainable long-term future."

The refinery is currently in the hands of administrators PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC) who secured shipments of refined oil products to the site within hours of taking control.

And administrators acquired a cargo of oil to be processed

at the refinery last Tuesday.

In a statement, joint administrator Steven Pearson from PwC said: "We continue to work through the day and night to find a solution to buy more time and which could ultimately result in a sale or company restructuring."

"The support of the management, employees and unions at Coryton has been outstanding and a critical factor in reaching this stage. We are grateful for their ongoing support and we remain focused on finding a solution together."

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# Thieves target charity shops

By Paul Giles

CHARITY shops in Westcliff are being targeted by burglars. Thieves caused more than £1,500 worth of damage in the latest raid. The Mind and British Heart Foundation (BHF) shops were hit by thieves between 5pm last Wednesday and 7.20am the following day.

Entry was gained by smashing the rear doors. At Mind, a safe was stolen which contained a three-figure sum of money, and about £1,000 of damage caused. In BHF, the burglars did not steal anything but caused £1,250 worth of damage. PC David Thompson wants to speak to anyone who witnessed anything suspicious in Hamlet Court Road at the time of the break ins. The incidents relate to a similar burglary, which happened at Sue Ryder charity shop in Hamlet Court Road between Saturday, January 28, and Monday, January 30. On that occasion, £200 worth of damage was caused and a three-figure sum of money was taken from the safe.



## 'Continental winds' affecting London's air quality' claim mayor's office

By Peter Henn

THE Mayor of London's office has claimed London's poor air quality is down to winds being blown over from the continent. Although London has been allowed to defer complying with EU regulations, Boris Johnson's office has said that continental weather was to blame. A spokesman said: "Around 60 per cent of the pollution, even at the side of the busiest roads, came from outside London, much of it blown in on easterly winds from continental Europe." Campaign groups and the European Union have debunked the Mayor's claims. Simon Birkett, of Clean Air in London, said the reasoning was flawed. He explained: "It's just excuses. When you actually look at the prevailing conditions, the majority of days - about 300 out of 365 - we end up blowing our pollution over to the continent." ■ See letters page for more.

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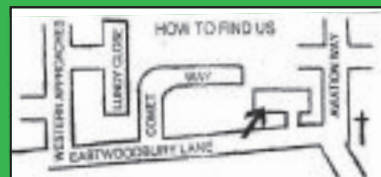
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Prittlewell Priory, in Priory Park, is currently nearing the end of a £1.9million conservation and restoration project.

This was made possible by a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and financial support from Cory Environmental, the Friends of Southend Museums, and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

As part of the final stages of this work, the time capsule has been sealed up in the refectory area where 12th Century Cluniac monks would have dined.

Its location will be marked with a plaque.

Southend Council's councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis, believes the children involved had made an invaluable contribution.

He said: "Hopefully in the process, they will begin to understand that the present is history tomorrow."

"The time capsule is a really exciting idea, and we are very grateful to the youngsters who took part."

Visitors to the Prittlewell Priory will be able to retrace the footsteps of medieval monks and those of the Victorian Scratton family.

A new eco friendly visitor centre will also provide a learning space and a gift shop.

Thorpe Greenways Junior School headteacher, Ashley Eastwood, said: "This has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to create their own little piece of history and

they thoroughly enjoyed the project from start to finish."

In the meantime, the popular fund-raising 'Buy a Brick' appeal in Priory Path is still ongoing.

The path will link the new visitor centre to the restored Prittlewell Priory, and those who sponsor a brick on behalf of a family member or friend can also make history by having a personal message engraved on it.

Sponsors will be given ceremonial certificates as well the chance for a preview of the completed path and visitor centre and a place at the grand opening ceremony in June.

If you would like to sponsor a brick, call 01702 434449, visit [www.southendmuseums.co.uk](http://www.southendmuseums.co.uk) or pick up a flyer at the Priory itself or any other branch of Southend Museums Service - the Central Museum, Southchurch Hall or the Beecroft Art Gallery.

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POLICE are appealing for information in connection with three car crimes in Southend. The first theft happened in Leigh, when a Ford Focus was broken into on Nobles Green Road, between 3 and 4am on Tuesday, January 31.

Thieves stole paperwork and a bank card which they attempted to use at a nearby post office cashpoint a short time later.

A lot of the paperwork was dumped along the street.

The second theft happened in Westcliff, when a Mini Cooper was broken into on The Leas, between 2 and 8am last Wednesday and a sat nav was stolen.

The third crime, and which police believe is

linked to the second theft, happened in Westcliff at the same time when someone broke into an insecure Mercedes, but nothing was taken.

Investigating officer, PC Dan Bray, is looking to speak with anyone who saw any suspicious activity, anyone loitering or acting in a strange way at the times of the break-ins.

Motorists are also reminded to secure their vehicles and keep belongings out of sight and therefore out of temptation of the passing, opportunist thief or career criminal.

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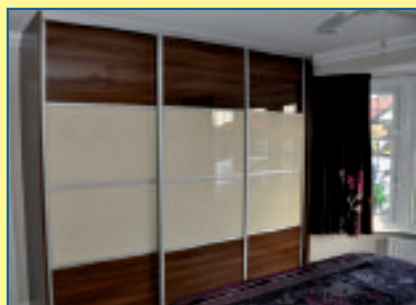
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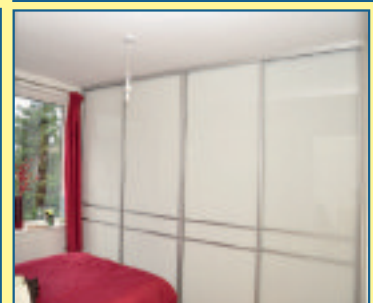
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# Woman stabbed in Westcliff

By Paul Giles

A WOMAN has been stabbed after refusing to hand over cash after she was beaten.

The 38-year-old was in Balmoral Road, Westcliff, at 6.15pm on Monday, January 30, when two men approached her.

One of the men started to punch her in the body a number of times and demanded cash.

She refused then felt a sharp pain in her back as one of the men stabbed her, causing a small puncture wound.

She was treated at Southend Hospital for her injuries.

Both of the men ran off empty handed, towards an alleyway at the rear of a community centre.

They are described as white, slim build and wearing dark hoodies and dark blue jeans.

One was 5ft 4in tall and the other was 5ft 8ins tall.

The shorter had a black scarf across his face. DC Andy Coles hoped anyone who witnessed the attack or could identify the men would come forward.

He said: "This was a nasty, vicious attack on a lone woman in which the degree of violence was totally unnecessary."

Anyone with information should contact police at Southend on 101, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## New speed limit

A NEW speed limit has been introduced on a stretch of the A127.

Essex County Council imposed the 40mph limit on the road between the A128 junction and Fortune of War, Southend-bound.

It has been introduced as a safety measure while a large section of the central reservation is replaced between the A128 and Dunton interchanges.

A large section of the safety restraints system on the central reserve needs to be assessed and repaired, with the speed limit in place to reduce the risk of accidents while repairs are carried out.

It will be enforced 24 hours, seven days a week until further notice.

County Councillor Tracey Chapman, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation, said: "The 40mph speed limit is required to ensure safety while repairs to the central reservation are arranged. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, and I thank motorists in advance for their patience at this time."

Accidents on the A127 dropped dramatically after average speed cameras were introduced on parts of the A127.

## Security lapse

AN INVESTIGATION is continuing into how details of staff names, dates of birth and sickness records appeared on a council website.

The information - which was held by a contractor - was wiped from the Basildon Council site as soon as officers were made aware of the gaffe.

The security breach did not relate to the main website or council information systems, which are still secure.

Dawn French, who heads the authority's corporate services, said: "This is an extremely serious situation, and one which we acted to rectify as soon as it came to our attention."

"I can say that by working urgently and closely with relevant organisations our officers have now managed to ensure that the details of all of our staff are no longer available on the web."

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The council is trying to establish what went wrong.

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TRAGIC: Jane Mitchinson with partner Peter Ely

## Van driver spared prison over horse rider's death

By Pat Jones

A DRIVER who killed a horse rider and two horses has avoided jail.

Jane Mitchinson, then 63, died after the van driven by Hugh Boyle ploughed into her and a fellow rider in Ashwells Road, Pilgrims Hatch, on January 16 last year.

Her riding companion was injured and his mount had to be destroyed at the scene.

Although Boyle, 52, from Kelvedon Hatch, was sentenced to eight months in prison, it was suspended for two years. He was told instead to serve 300 hours community service and disqualified from driving for three years, at Basildon Crown Court, last Thursday.

He had faced a maximum five

years in jail.

Boyle had previously pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving at that court last October and sentencing had been reserved.

He was driving his Toyota van when he collided with two horses being ridden along the road.

Mrs Mitchinson was thrown from her horse and died instantly at the scene.

The second rider, a man, was also thrown from his horse but escaped serious injury. Both horses died as a result of the impact.

Essex Police Serious Collision Investigation unit found Boyle did not adjust his driving to compensate for the bright sunlight, resulting in his failure to see the two horses in the road.

Senior investigating officer,

Inspector Keith Whiting, said: "This case shows drivers must always have the highest level of concentration.

"I hope others will also learn and prevent such unnecessary deaths occurring in the future."

Ms Mitchinson's family paid tribute to her.

They said: "Nothing will ever be able to bring Jane back or replace the light that has been so senselessly taken from our lives.

"We hope that the sentence passed will act as a reminder of the consequences of driving negligently and the lives it can destroy.

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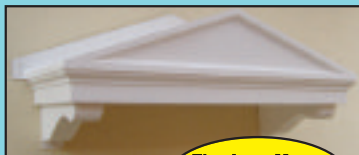
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## ■ Opinion and readers' letters

### Politicians making an appearance - it must be election time soon!

WITH a sudden surge of letters to the local press from ex-Labour councillors and at least one who has travelled almost around the county, then suddenly the penny dropped, local elections take place in May, as a further thought surely the electorate have not forgotten the way the previous Labour government brought this country almost to bankruptcy.

**Chas Cheesman**  
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### Application's temporarily withdrawn

DENISE Manning is appalled that the proposed Leigh Green Belt hospice debate is still ongoing when this planning application has been turned down – or so she claims – because she has obviously not been keeping up with the turn of events involved (Feb 1).

For this enlightened planning proposal – enlightened in view of bringing nationally recognised remits relating to the best

of hospice care in Britain today to the fore hereabouts – has not been turned down by Southend Borough Council at all.

It has been temporarily withdrawn by Havens Hospices in the face of unelected planning officers' recommendation to refuse and the very teeth of a seemingly united front of councillors of all shades lined up volubly four-square against it – behind party spokesmen anyway although, interestingly, the Labour Party alone has declined to thus publicly opine.

Elected councillors presently ostensibly forbidden even to form – let alone publicly air – opinions about the matter before it has been formally placed before the Development Control Committee for considered adjudication.

And that has not yet come to pass.

But it must come back on the agenda – doubtless after further consultation between planning officers and Havens Hospices – or the immense groundswell of public opinion signed up in favour of this application via a 20,000-strong petition (which surely has to be taken into account by our elected representatives or what are they for?) will have been judged to have counted for naught against the inordinate influence of the few usual suspects.

And that cannot rightly be. Must not be because it is wrong.

And if your councillors aren't listening, neither side is doing their job properly.

Make 'em – effectively they're asking for it and they should get it, don't let just the

few have their way with them, get your councillors to put it about a bit more now that they've come out like this.

**John Haran**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Politicians are playing a nasty game

REBECCA Harris MP had her Daylight Saving Bill defeated by an archaic Parliamentary procedure called Talked Out or Fillibustering.

This Bill came before the Commons but opposing MP's (including Tory colleagues) talked and talked about the details until the session ran out of time and the Bill was kicked into touch.

Politicians probably think this time waster is 'a jolly good wheeze', but instead of talking for hours on end wasting taxpayers hard earned money why can't they just take a vote on it for a quick and proper grown-up decision!

Another jolly good wheeze politicians are adept at is much nastier – dividing the country.

In order to shift the public's focus from our country's deepening economic depression and its causes and their disastrous handling of it, our current cabinet of millionaire public school MPs has already set 'Private Sector' against 'Public Sector' and now the 'In Work' against the 'Out of Work and Disabled'.

Our politicians must think we

are stupid to fall for these unsavoury diversions when their "friends" the real culprits have got away scot-free, their pockets already well lined and their privileged lives untouched by the misery millions of people are and will be suffering.

Where are the politicians with real values who will stand up and support the majority instead of the minority, who will fight for equality and a fairer distribution of wealth, who will defend our Welfare State instead of handing it over on a plate to profit hungry predators. Come to that, are there any Big Bankers or Footsie 100 Executives with these values!

**Stephen Dewhurst, Hadleigh**

### An unsure start

ACCORDING to the Directgov website, Sure Start Children's centres 'provide a variety of advice and support for parents and carers. Their services are available to you from pregnancy right through to when your child goes into reception class at primary school.'

They are 'developed in line with the needs of the local community'. It would seem that the needs of the community are going to be less in 2012 than they were in 2011; I can think of no other explanation for the cuts that have just been announced by Southend's council.

Because the promise that frontline services would not be hit, I can only assume that Sure Start, like bobbies on the beat, do not constitute part of the frontline.

Still, it's nice to know that young families are responsible for the crisis in Global Capitalism.

**Julian Ware-Lane**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Using global warming scare tactics

THE leaders of ancient civilisations have always had to face a problem. Their subjects asked awkward questions, particularly about why adverse events have been inflicted on them and, when the leaders didn't have the answers but could not lose face by admitting it, they created the image of an omnipotent being who had to be worshipped and to whom sacrifice had to be made in order for it to be appeased.

Past civilisations have created idols, totems and some have introduced human sacrifice in an attempt to dissuade the Omnipotent One, whether by volcanic activity, earthquake, flood or whatever other disaster, from harming the community.

The benefits of creating this image are several:

- Anything that the leaders have failed to achieve can be blamed on divine intervention.
- Any event that the leaders cannot explain can be blamed on divine intervention.

• The public must not question the advice handed down through the leaders for fear of antagonising the Omnipotent One. Anyone who tries to challenge their doctrine is ostracised and called a 'denier'.

• The leaders have become the intermediaries between the public and the Omnipotent One and thus have strengthened their position and power.

When we look at the doctrine of Global Warming do we not see exactly the same pattern of behaviour as we saw in ancient civilisations?

Some enthusiasts realised how easy it was to frighten, not only the public, but also many gullible world leaders by creating a poorly researched image of Armageddon. East Anglia University was caught out suppressing data which didn't support their research. Was that because they feared, not the Omnipotent One, but the loss of research funds?

A computer projection showed a fairly stable world temperature for many years until, quite suddenly, the graph leapt upwards in what was referred to as the hockey stick.

As Private Fraser would have delighted in saying "We're doomed". What the graph carefully ignored, because it didn't match the story they were trying to project, was the 300 years of above average warmth between 700 and 400 B.C., the 400 years of above average warmth between 1000 and 1400 A.D. and the mini ice age between 1500 and 1900 A.D. Is it not also true that Al Gore, one of the major proponents of Global Warming, has financial interests in the business of Carbon Trading?

In 1996, one Global Warming 'Expert' proclaimed that our children would probably never see snow. After three snowy winters in succession, does he still make the same prophecy?

How did these so-called experts ever have the arrogance to believe, not that man might be polluting the atmosphere which I can appreciate, but that man was powerful enough to control the environment? Thoughts of King Canute or even of claiming to be in control of Boom and Bust come to mind. The saddest part of the whole shoddy confidence trick is that, now that the politicians have bought into the concept and have been able to increase their tax take with 'green' taxes including something in the order of £200 per family per annum on gas and electric bills, how can they ever have the courage to admit they were duped?

One thousand years from now, will archaeologists discover the remains of massive totem poles with flailing arms that were erected in the early 21st Century to appease the god of Global Warming but were abandoned when the climate didn't heat up exponentially as forecast and the cost of paying tribute to them brought the economy to its knees?

**Bernard Hetherington**  
Westcliff-on-Sea

### He's Walter, not William

I WAS interested to read of the photographer Dan Beecroft and his display in the Beecroft Art gallery in Westcliff.

In fact the founder of the gallery was Walter Beecroft, not William as stated in your article.

He was a friend of my late father and I met him once or twice. He was unmarried, with no children, and it has always been my understanding that he gave his house complete with his art collection to the Southend Council. As such he was a major benefactor to the town.

**David Dearnle**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### 'Alarmist' to suggest London faces fines

IT IS simply alarmist to suggest that London faces fines over its air quality from the International Olympic Committee (London not complying with air quality rules, YA January 2012).

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This was acknowledged by the European Commission last year when it endorsed London's plans for tackling PM10, one of the most harmful pollutants.

**Kulveer Ranger, the Mayor's**  
director of the environment.

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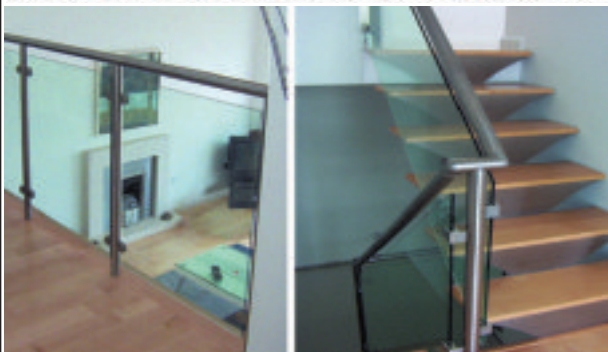


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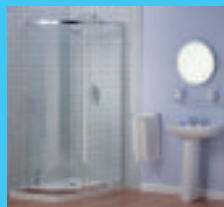
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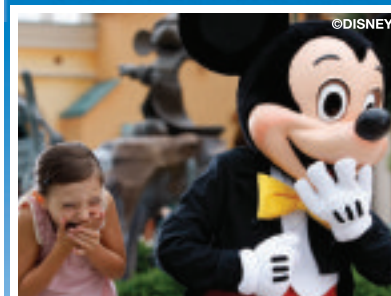
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## the verdict

The house had lots of rooms in it and there was a film we watched which told us how it had been restored and what work they had done in the gardens. In some rooms you could hear voices when you walked in because they were recorded to play and in two there were the shadows of people on the wall. I liked the question game in the children's room and the gardens were really nice. There was loads of ducks and geese, but we had forgotten to take any bread.



Joshua Chambers, 10

# Restoring history

**LIZ WADE and her son Joshua head to Valentines Mansion in Ilford to find out more about the 300-year-old wonder**

**G**AZING out of a window at Valentines Mansion, across vast, well-kept lawns, it was hard to believe we were a stones throw away from the busy A12 in Ilford.

While the surrounding area has been developed, re-developed and built on even more over the years, Valentines Park and its beautiful house now look as if they have been left untouched for hundreds of years.

But while they may have been 'untouched' in terms of development, they have thankfully been touched by a restoration scheme as both the house and the park suffered from neglect and disregard during the 1980s and 1990s.

An informative and extremely interesting short film, which is played in one of its magnificent rooms, tells visitors about the restoration project that began in 2006 and was funded by Redbridge Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The project, costing several million pounds, restored the mansion, which had stood empty for 15 years, as well as many features in its gardens including its grottos on the water canal, the ancient dovecote, and the Kitchen, Old English and Victorian Rose Gardens.

Since its opening in 2009, a group of volunteers and supporters, called the Friends of Valentines Mansion, have been doing even more to restore its features, and the mansion has just reopened once again, following a maintenance and

repairs project that has ensured the historic house looks as good as new for its third anniversary this month.

Valentines Mansion, which is more than 300-years-old, was built in open countryside several miles for the edge of London in around 1696 for Elizabeth Tilotson and her family, following the death of her husband, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Its walled gardens, dovecote and grottoes were created by its owner and city merchant, Robert Surman in the 1720s, and another owner, Sir Charles Raymond spent much of his fortune in the 1760s to give the house its Georgian appearance.

When its last private resident, Sarah Ingleby, died in 1906 the mansion was eventually acquired by the council and over the years has been home to wartime refugees, a hospital, a public health centre, and a council housing department.

The house is a wonderful place to explore and we found many things that engaged both us as well as Josh. There were information boards in each room explaining their background, great displays including a Victorian kitchen with food laid out as if it was still in use, a brilliant children's room complete with a dolls house, dressing up clothes, books and an interactive computer screen where Josh tried to answer the questions about the house and did a very good job at collecting several keys.

There was also The Bird Room,



**HISTORIC:** Joshua outside Valentines Mansion.

which had once been filled with stuffed birds and animals. While the stuffed inhabitants of the glass cabinets have long gone, they have been replaced by a wide range of origami ones, which led to Josh challenging me to identify what animal each one was.

After exploring the house we set out to wander around the grounds and gardens and Josh spotted a tree that appeared to be growing out of the side of the house, the Long Water Canal and its two restored grottos, a mosaic that was featured in the restoration video and Jacob's Well.

It was then off for a tour of the Rose Garden, before making our way through the Old English Garden and the Kitchen Garden, before arriving at the former gar-

dener's cottage, which is now the Gardener's Cottage Cafe. The cafe offers a range of light bites and snacks, as well as refreshments and ice cream, and offers a warm place to relax in the winter, and a wonderful place to enjoy the surroundings of the walled kitchen gardens in the spring and summer thanks to its outdoor seating.

The beautiful country house and gardens are definitely well worth a visit, and you could spend hours there wandering around. Just don't forget to take a loaf of bread with you – or even two – as the canal was teaming with ducks and geese, and a squabbling group of seagulls, the largest flock of crows I have ever seen seemed to be at home on its lawns and the park's trees.

## fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Valentines Mansion and Gardens can be found in Emerson Road, Ilford, which is just off the A12.

■ **OPENING HOURS:** The mansion is open from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as from 11am to 4pm on Sundays. The Gardener's Cottage Cafe is open every day from 10am to 6pm (or sunset during winter)

■ **FURTHER DETAILS:** Call 020 8708 8100 or visit [www.valentinesmansion.com](http://www.valentinesmansion.com) or [www.valentines.org.uk](http://www.valentines.org.uk)

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### Saturday, February 11

- Hearts and Flowers Coffee Morning, Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10.30am-12.30pm, cake stall and other stalls.
- Jumble Sale, Riverside WI, Hullbridge Centre, Windermere Avenue, 10.30am, refreshments available, entrance 30p.
- Stitching a Valentine Project, South and East Essex Branch of the Embroiderers Guild, Lounge on ground floor of Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 1.45-4.30pm, members free, visitors £5, includes refreshment, suitable for beginners and more experienced stitchers. 07910 093650.
- Walk, SE Essex Ramblers, start Hadleigh; John Burrows Recreation Ground car park, Rectory Road, opposite Poores Lane, 10am, 5.5 miles West Wood, Pound Wood, Hadleigh Gt. Wood.
- Social Ballroom Dance, The Runnymede Hall, A13, Kiln Road, Benfleet, details 07748 707122.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 465801.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Rugby Training Session, Rochford

Hundred Rugby Club, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell, for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12, every Saturday 10am-noon. 07533 348799.

Football School for Girls, Fryerns Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions every Saturday 10.30-11.30am, in association with Leeds Celtic Girls and Ladies FC. 07882 456558.

Fun Football Training Sessions, Memorial Park, Wickford (Highcliff Road entrance), every Saturday 9.30-10.30am, under 5s and under 6s, parents encouraged to stay and watch, boys and girls welcome, further details 01268 769902.

Footie Tots, Swain School, Rayleigh, Saturday mornings from 9am, 3 years upwards, further details Shane 07887 627385/07790 938009.

### Sunday, February 12

- Self help Group for Stammerers, meets second Sunday every month in Basildon area, further details 01268 454081 or email [rm006e7184@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rm006e7184@blueyonder.co.uk)
- Walk, SE Essex Ramblers, meet 10am Southend Leisure Centre, starts at Great Wakering Church, 5.5 miles, pool stop at end.
- Dinner Jazz, Ron Spack, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.
- Trading Hut, Hockley and District Horticultural Society, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, open every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3.
- American Football, Essex Spartans, junior players wanted aged 14-19, training Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Sundays noon-2pm, further details contact Coach, Alan 07794 210194.
- Men's Futsal Football Sessions, Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-10pm, all abilities welcome, £4, further details Paul 07882 456558.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554504.

# what's on

## Monday, February 13

- Exhibition, Focal Point Gallery, Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 'Marc Camille Chaimowicz', runs 13 February to 24 March. 01702 534108.
- Epilepsy Support Group, George Hurd Centre, Basildon, friendly discussion, speakers and activities, second Monday every month, 7.45-10pm, further details 01268 270697.
- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Tim Huskisson clarinet/Mike Sagrott guitar, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, illustrated talk 'Follow the Flow - The River Lea', 8pm-10pm.
- Duplicate Bridge at Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email [join@basildonplayers.co.uk](mailto:join@basildonplayers.co.uk)
- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Over 50's Social Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 2.30-4.30pm, £2.50 a session, board games, quizzes, pool, Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.
- Club 60, Floor 3, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s,

## Tuesday, February 14

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.
- Valentines Dance, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, 1.45pm. 07767 406194.
- New Horizons Bereavement Group, Holy Cross Church Hall, Hornon-on-the-Hill, meets second and fourth Tuesday each month, 1.30-3.30pm. 01708 524348/443800.
- Walk, Friends' Group ES60, meet 10.30am, White Notley, The Nottleys Golf Club, The Green, 4 miles, lunch at Golf Club.
- Racquet Rascals, Our Lady Church Hall, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 4.30pm and Fridays 3.30pm, racquet classes for 3-7 years, further details 01268 454324.
- New Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, with artist Paul Alcock, 1-3pm, details 01702 615475.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide

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Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

- Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.
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- Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon. 01268 465854.
- Chess, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.
- Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, Tuesdays 9.30am-3pm. Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 259661.
- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.
- Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.
- Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.
- Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
- Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.
- Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.
- Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.

**Wednesday, February 15**

- Drama/Comedy, Woodlands School,

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- Jazz, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Golf and Country Club, Billericay, The Helen Keating Quartet with Bob Yeomans - tenor sax, 8pm. 07850 607075.
- Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.
- Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.
- Barn Dance Club, Grand Cellidh Club, Riga Music Bar, Milton Road, Westcliff, live music from Rat on a Stick, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
- Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.
- Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, Sue 07917 573653.
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- Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.
- Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

#### Thursday, February 16

- Illustrated Talk, Two Tree Island Essex Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve, Westcliff United Reformed Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, 'Cherry Orchard Country Park' by Helen Galle, 7.30pm, £1.50 donation, including refreshments.
- Walk, Friends' Group ES60, meet 10.30am, Moreton, The Nag's Head, park at rear of pub, 4 miles, pub lunch.
- Meeting, Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, first and third Thursday of month,

7.45pm. 01702 529216.

- Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome, call 01702 389296.
- Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Parish Council Rooms, West Street, Rochford, 2-4pm. 01702 342426.
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- Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, with artist Paul Accard. 01702 615475.
- Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance. Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.
- Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
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- Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

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#### Friday, February 17

- Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10.15am-12.15pm. 01702 307173.
- Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Runwell, Wickford, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005.
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- Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.
- Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.
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- Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.
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# Fresh new look and delicious dishes at Shadhona Tandoori

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Shadhona Tandoori, at 200 Main Road, has built up an impressive reputation since opening its doors more than eight years ago, thanks to its mouth-watering dishes and exceptional service.

The establishment, which is run by the Uddin family, aims to ensure diners enjoy top quality food and outstanding service, in comfortable surroundings.

This is achieved thanks to the Uddin family's 30 years of experience in the catering industry, and its talented chefs, who create a wide range of fresh dishes for diners.

The Shadhona, which opened its doors six years ago, is proud of its decor, which is completely different from the usual Indian theme. Its interior, which concentrates on customer comfort, has just been repainted for the benefit of diners, giving the restaurant a fresher look.

It is the ideal setting for a mouthwatering meal, whatever the occasion, whether you want to enjoy a meal with the family, or mark a range of celebrations from



birthdays to anniversaries.

Its menu offers a vast choice of dishes, all of which have their own unique tastes thanks to the restaurant's wide range of spices and ingredients.

The restaurant is justly proud of

its popular Tandoori dishes, as well as its range of Chefs Special Recommendations including Rani Chicken, Moducash Murgh, Chicken Monchori, Chicken Nepali, Chicken Silchori and Butter Chicken.

Its Banquet Nights, held every Monday to Wednesday, give diners the ideal opportunity to try its outstanding dishes as they can enjoy anything from its vast menu for just £14.95. While its takeaway service, available seven days a week with free home delivery, offers the perfect opportunity for customers to enjoy its fine cuisine in their own homes.

The restaurant is able to host charity evenings from Sunday to Thursday, for which it can give 50 per cent of the takings to a charity of your choice.

The Shadhona, which seats up to 70 diners, is fully licensed and air-conditioned with its own car park for customers.

The restaurant is now taking bookings for Valentine's Day and Mothers' Day for which anyone interested is urged to call for further information and to book early to avoid disappointment.

It is open from noon to 2.30pm seven days a week, as well as from 6pm to 11pm, from Sunday to Thursday, and from 6pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

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Its friendly and welcoming atmosphere makes it the perfect setting for a romantic meal on February 14 and its Valentine's Dine In Special includes a three-course set menu, a free drink of your choice and a free gift, for only £15.95.

For those wanting a romantic meal at home its Valentine's Day Takeaway Special includes one free DVD rental from Pennyfarthings Video Shop, with all orders of more than £18 (T&C's Apply)

Wheeler's, which has proved popular since opening its doors in 2009, is also taking bookings for Mother's Day and anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant offers a range of deals for diners and introduced a Sunday Buffet earlier this year. The buffet, which is served from 1pm to 7.30pm, gives customers the chance to choose from a selection of 24 delicious dishes.

The buffet, which costs just £5.95 per person, or £3.95 for children under the age of 12, is a great way to taste new dishes and is ideal for families because of its outstanding value-for-money.

As well as its buffet, Wheeler's has an extensive a la carte menu offering a wide choice of dishes, which are all individually cooked to order by a team of expert Indian chefs.

A special menu allows diners to choose any starter, main dish, rice, side order, ice cream (or coffee) for £11.95.



Wheeler's, which prides itself on being just how an Indian restaurant should be, serves authentic Indian cuisine in intimate booths complete with candlelit tables.

The establishment, which has previously enjoyed 15 years as a successful Indian takeaway, boasts magnificent decor, a well stocked bar, full disabled facilities, and a large private car park.

Its owners, who have extensive experience in the restaurant industry, wanted to offer something different so decided to create a restaurant that gave diners the chance to enjoy a traditional experience.

With the help of restaurant manager, Milad, who has more than 20 years experience in

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The restaurant, which has a takeaway service offering free home delivery, welcomes taste card members as well as organisations who want to benefit from its Charity Buffet Events, which cost just £7 per person.

Wheeler's Tandoori Restaurant, at 458 London Road, on Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet, is open from noon to 2pm and from 5pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Thursday, and is open until midnight on Fridays and at weekends.

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Sunday Luncheon in the Tudor Restaurant is an ideal occasion for family celebrations when perhaps an evening may not be best for the elderly or infirm. There are excellent disabled facilities. Meals in the Stable Bar on Sundays are a la carte.

The Chichester's booking office is open from 9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the weekend. Call 01268 561234 for further information and sample menus or visit the website at [www.thechichester.co.uk](http://www.thechichester.co.uk) (e-mail [info@thechichester.co.uk](mailto:info@thechichester.co.uk))



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With growing numbers of homeowners across South Essex hoping to make a killing on the back of the Olympics by renting out their homes for the duration of the games, one leading figure on the local property scene has sounded a note of caution. Owners of properties of all shapes and sizes are hoping to net windfalls of up to £30,000 by renting out their homes during this summer's Olympics and Paralympics, it has been reported. At one end of the scale, visitors to the Games are being asked to part with £6,000 a week to rent a 5-bedroom house in Grays complete with sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi, while at the other end, bed and breakfast in South Woodham Ferrers is on offer for £900 a week.

But, mirroring growing concern amongst property professionals and elsewhere, John Pring, Chairman of leading local estate agents Fisks and a well-known commentator on the industry, has waded into this feeding frenzy to warn of the many pitfalls that lie in wait for unwary DIY landlords looking for a quick killing.

"The practicalities involved in renting out your home for a relatively short time are enormous," he says. "Quite apart from the basics, like emptying out cupboards and wardrobes, and removing all personal possessions and valuables, the property will need to be properly cleaned beforehand. And bearing in mind that tenants don't always treat short holiday lets with as much care and consideration as they would their own home, you could come back to a real nightmare!"

But such problems are just the tip of the iceberg, he adds. "As a landlord, even for just a few weeks, you must ensure that all fixtures and fittings are fit for purpose. If the washing machine leaks, for example, you must get it fixed very quickly. More than that, you are also legally responsible for ensuring that your property complies with the various regulations concerning gas and electrical safety for rental properties, the provision of adequate smoke alarms and fire-proof furnishings, etc."

Then there are all the legal and financial implications, says John. "If you have a mortgage on your home, you will need the permission of your lender before you can rent it out – otherwise you are likely to be in breach of your loan agreement. You will also need to inform your insurer, otherwise you almost certainly won't be covered in the event of any claim for damage. There's even the possibility that you may have to apply to the local authority for planning consent for change of use!"

Last, but by no means least, he adds, is the fact that the taxman will be very interested indeed in any added income you derive from renting out your home. "With the Government, like the rest of us, seriously strapped for cash, they are likely to be policing this very closely - and since the majority of would-be landlords will be advertising their properties on a publicly-accessible website, it will be all too easy to identify potential tax evaders!"

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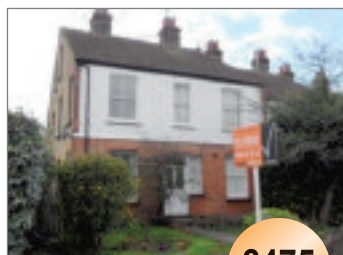
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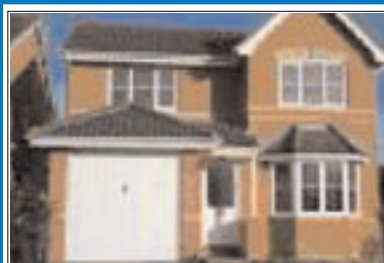
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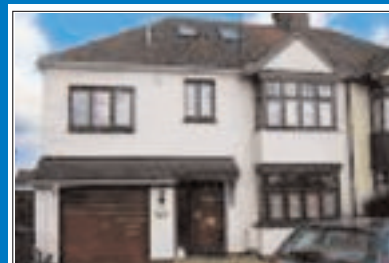
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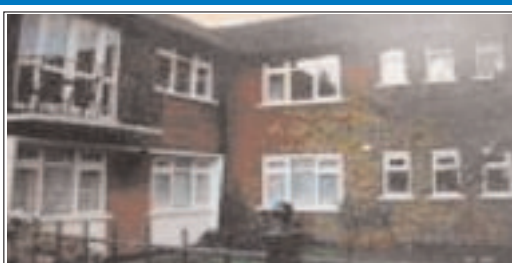
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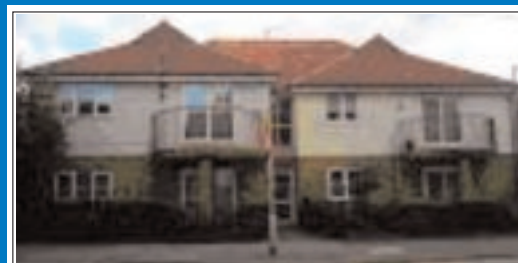
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**Q. I have a leasehold flat in a block, and recently there has been some talk of clubbing together to buy the freehold. Is this a good idea??**

A. It certainly can be - particularly if you and your fellow leaseholders feel your current freeholder is not offering good service or value for money. It might also be worth considering if all the leaseholders are facing the need to extend their leases, since "collective enfranchisement" as it is called can often be achieved at a similar cost.

However, just because you have bought the freehold doesn't mean an end to all your problems. There are other issues that need to be considered. For example, as freeholders you nevertheless still remain bound by the terms of the leases, particularly as far as service charges and repairs are concerned. At the same time, some of the imagined cost savings may not materialise to quite the extent that you envisage. For instance, it is generally recommended that any group considering enfranchisement should still appoint professional managing agents to handle all the day-to-day running of the property and to ensure that everything fully complies with legal requirements.

You also need to give careful consideration to how well you get on as a group - and not just with your current leaseholders, but also potentially with new ones. What happens if or when any dispute arises? It could be as simple as someone not having the money to pay the service charge. Or perhaps one freeholder might want to sell, but some of the others refuse to sign the necessary transfer documentation, and as a result the sale falls through. These things can and do happen.

I'm certainly not trying to put you off by raising these issues. At the end of the day, for most groups that choose to go down the enfranchisement route, the process is an unqualified success, with many real and perceived benefits. Nevertheless, as with most transactions there are also potential risks - and it is important that everyone going into something like this does so with their eyes wide open. Besides, under the legislation there are various other options available - such as the Right to Manage, or undertaking bulk lease extensions.



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**Walking distance of station, Leigh-on-sea £129,995**

A delightful ground floor flat situated on the popular Highlands Estate within walking distance of local shops and Leigh station. Spacious lounge with lovely feature fireplace, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, double bedroom, large communal gardens, gas c/h, early viewing advised. ref etl4976



**South of London Road, Leigh-on-sea £279,950**

Very attractive three bedroom semi detached character house with 80' rear garden, detached garage and driveway. The house has been priced to allow for a little modernisation. Sought after location ideal for Leigh Broadway and Leigh Station. Spacious lounge with lovely feature fireplace, separate dining room, kitchen (requiring updating) Three bedrooms, bathroom and separate w.c. Early viewing advised as early sale envisaged ref etl4979



**Backing the Marine Estate, Leigh-on-sea £299,950**

A fully detached bungalow situated backing on to the Marine Estate, perfectly placed for local shops and walking distance of Leigh Station. Three bedrooms, garage and two driveways, spacious lounge, new fitted kitchen and bathroom, immediate vacant possession, keys available for viewing. ref etl4977



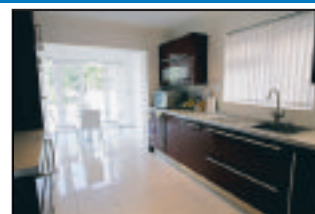
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**FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE, EASTWOOD £270,000**

A fully detached three / four bedroom family house occupying an impressive plot with a very large front garden. The property is available with immediate vacant possession and TOWN AND COUNTRY hold keys for daylight viewings. Local shops and schools are all close by. Very spacious accommodation with Lounge, Dining room, conservatory, study/ 4th bedroom, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms and 4th bedroom on the ground floor.ref etl4966

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**Thundersley Guide Price £200,000 - £210,000**

Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Overlooking Thundersley Common To Front - Lounge 14'6 x 10'0 - Dining Room 9'9 x 9'7 - Kitchen 8'5 x 6'11 - Bedroom One 14'0 x 9'7 - Bedroom Two 10'8 x 11'1 - Shower Room - UPVC Double Glazed Throughout - Full Gas Central Heating - Garage & Further Parking - Good Size Rear Garden - Extremely Popular Cul-De-Sac Location - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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**Benfleet £395,000**

Deceptively Spacious Four Bedroom Detached Family Home - Immaculately Maintained Accommodation - Lounge 19'1 x 12'4 - Dining Room 12'0 x 9'7 - Study 10'1 x 9'7 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 13'3 x 10'6 With En-suite Shower - Bedroom Two 17'11 x 11'2 - Bedroom Three 13'7 x 9'7 - Bedroom Four 12'7 x 9'11 - Four Piece Bathroom Suite - Easily Maintainable Rear Garden - Off Street Parking - Integral Garage 19'8 x 10'10 - Private Estate Location - Easy Access Of London Road - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

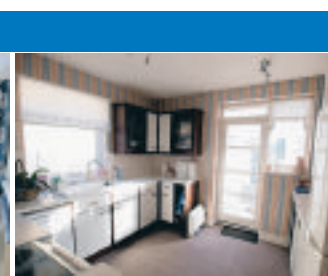
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**King John Catchment, Hadleigh £220,000**

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Lounge 13'7 x 11'3 - Dining Room 10'1 x 9'0 - Conservatory 10'0 x 9'4 - Kitchen/Breakfast Room 15'9 x 11'3 - Ground Floor Bathroom - Double Glazed Throughout - Gas Central Heating Via Combination Boiler - Ground Floor Bedroom Three 10'8 x 9'11 - Bedroom One 13'11 x 11'7 - Bedroom Two 14'7 x 8'11 - Good Size Rear Garden With Potential For Further Off Street Parking - Off Street Parking To Front - Popular South Of A13 Location - King John School Catchment - Short Distance From Town Centre, Hadleigh Castle & Nature Reserve - Viewing Advised

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**Shipwrights Drive, Thundersley £239,950**

Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow - Lounge 16'0 x 10'10 - Kitchen 10'8 x 10'5 - Conservatory 19'2 x 5'4 - Bedroom One 13'0 x 10'8 - Bedroom Two 10'2 x 10'10 - Dining Room/Bedroom Three 8'4 x 7'0 - Double Glazed Throughout - Garage & Independent Driveway - Good Size Easily Maintained Garden - Sole Agents - Popular Location - King John School Catchment - Easy Access Of Shipwrights Woods, Benfleet and Rayleigh Station and Hadleigh Town Centre - Viewing Advised

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**Thundersley £219,950**

Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached House - Convenient Location - Dining Room 17'10 x 12'2 - Kitchen 9'11 x 8'9 - Lounge 14'7 x 10'7 - Conservatory 14'0 x 7'6 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Utility Storage Area - Bedroom One - Bedroom Two - Bedroom Three - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - West Backing Rear Garden In Excess of 90ft - Alarm System - Easy Access Of Thundersley Village - King John School Catchment - Realistic Asking Price - Cavity Wall Insulation - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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**Benfleet £235,000**

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House - Corner Plot - Attached Double Width Garage - Lounge/Diner 24'0 x 11'9 - Fully Fitted Kitchen 14'7 x 8'10 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 11'9 x 11'3 - Bedroom Two 11'10 x 11'8 - Bedroom Three 9'0 x 8'4 - Family Bathroom Suite - Sole Agents - Double Glazed - Cul-De-Sac - Viewing Advised

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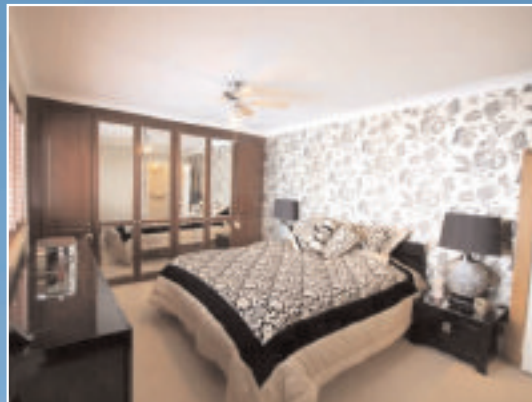
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## Cherrymeade, Thundersley Guide Price £525,000-£550,000

Situated in this extremely popular cul de sac location set amongst similar distinctive homes being within the King John School catchment is this deceptively spacious five bedroom detached family home offering spacious accommodation including a spacious reception hall, lounge with adjoining conservatory, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom to the ground floor. To the first floor are five bedrooms, two having ensuite shower rooms and a further three piece family bathroom suite. The property is situated on a generous plot so benefits from a rear garden, side garden, further secret garden to the front with hot tub and summer house, good size front garden with ample off street parking and a detached garage. Properties in this area rarely become available so we would recommend any interested parties to view internally to avoid disappointment.

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**Spring Gardens, Rayleigh £299,000**

Fantastic opportunity to acquire this three bedroom detached Byford built family home positioned within the sought after Rayleigh Primary school catchment area and Rayleigh station & shops. The property stands upon a good size plot with attractive open aspect to rear. We anticipate huge interest and would suggest an immediate appointment to view.

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**Bull Lane, Rayleigh £525,000**

An exceptional five bedroom detached family residence built to exacting standards by the current owner 8 years ago. The property offers spacious living space that has been particularly well decorated. Rayleigh Town Centre and Train Station are within walking distance. No onward chain.

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**Shannon Avenue, Rayleigh £215,000**

A delightful semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in popular residential area convenient for High Street shops and local schools. The property offers a fitted kitchen, good sized lounge, fully tiled shower room, uPVC double glazing, good size rear garden and ample off street parking.

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**Flamboro Close, Eastwood £185,000**

A traditional two bedroom semi detached bungalow located within a peaceful cul de sac position close to Eastwood shops. Inside the property offers spacious well presented living accommodation and we would recommend an immediate appointment to view.

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**Grosvenor Road, Rayleigh £205,000**

An attractive three bedroom end terrace family home affording deceptively spacious well planned living accommodation priced for a quick sale. The property is situated in this popular residential area ideally located for all local amenities including shops, schools and bus services to surrounding areas. Rayleigh mainline station is within a short drive. No onward chain.

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**Shakespeare Avenue, Rayleigh £429,950**

An extremely attractive fully detached four bedroom family residence with deceptively spacious well presented living accommodation and many fine features throughout including two reception rooms, ground floor cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ensuite to master, rear garden with southerly aspect and one and a half width garage.

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**Causton Way, Rayleigh £245,000**

Delightful three bedroom detached family home positioned within an exclusive turning close to both Edward Francis & Fitzwimarc Schools. The properties features include spacious living space, views over the local area and a good size rear garden.

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**Eastcheap, Rayleigh £279,995**

Very spacious four bedroom family home that has been decorated to a very high standard to include a bright lounge leading onto a double glazed conservatory which overlooks the large garden, dining room/bedroom five and fitted kitchen. The property is situated within walking distance of Rayleigh Station.

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**Hilary Crescent, Rayleigh £229,995**

An attractive two bedroom detached bungalow ideally positioned for the High Street and mainline station and within the sought after Edward Francis and Fitzwimarc catchment area. The property is offered for sale with no onward chain and benefits from spacious accommodation, detached garage and 63ft rear garden. Scope for extension into roof space (stipp).

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### Fish & Chip Business & Flat

Very well presented fish and chip business trading from main road premises positioned in a regeneration zone within affluent Essex town. The unit is fully equipped with spacious self contained first floor flat. Early viewing advised. £55,000 Leasehold

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### Vacant Office/Shop Wickford

A 379 sq ft vacant office/shop premises with additional 72 sq ft office, 140 sq ft rear office space, staff area and toilet facilities. Yard with parking for five vehicles. Available immediately. £10,500 per annum.

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### Hair Salon Business Affluent Area Of Southend

A long established hairdressing salon with two bedroom flat that has been trading since 1972 with a proud record of good customer service and client retention. Accounts confirm healthy turnover figures. Sale due to retirement.

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### Light Industrial Unit Canvey Island

1824 sq ft light industrial unit with private yard at rear positioned upon the regenerated Charfleets Industrial development at Canvey Island. The unit is available immediately. £9,600 per annum.

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### Industrial Unit To Let Wickford

Very well presented light industrial unit situated on a bold corner position within the Heron Industrial Estate in Wickford. The unit comprises of office space, staff kitchen, ladies and gents toilets and open workspace. Keys held for viewing. £19,000 pax.

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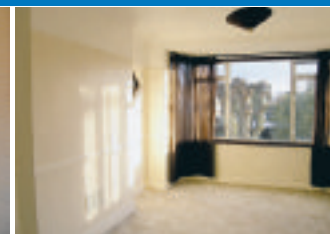
### Rayleigh £975 pcm

Immaculate three bedroom house situated within easy access to main road links & Rayleigh train station. This property offers modern accommodation throughout, fully fitted kitchen with dining area, cloakroom & en suite to master. Internal viewings strongly advised.

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### Southend On Sea £595 pcm

Well presented two bedroom first floor flat benefiting from own private section of rear garden & spacious accommodation. This property is situated within a convenient location, close to South East train station & all local amenities. Available immediately.

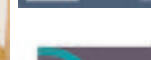
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### Thorpe Bay £1,450 pcm

Immaculate four bedroom detached family home, offering spacious accommodation with a large lounge, fitted kitchen with dining area, four good sized bedrooms, luxury en-suite to master, ample off street parking & garage. This property is situated within a quiet sought after location within walking distance to Thorpe Bay train station.

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### RAYLEIGH

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70 ft West Backing Rear Garden  
Two Bedrooms  
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Garage

### LEIGH ON SEA

£199,995



Refitted Kitchen 18'11" x 11'  
Three Bedrooms  
Lounge 14'5" x 12'7"  
Off Road Parking for Several  
Vehicles  
Viewing Recommended

### RAYLEIGH

£217,995



Three Bedrooms  
Double Glazing  
Gas Central Heating  
Garage and Off-Street Parking to  
Rear  
No Onward Chain

### RAYLEIGH

OFFERS IN EXCESS  
£280,000



DETACHED CHALET HOUSE  
FOUR BEDROOMS  
LARGE REAR GARDEN  
GARAGE AND OFF STREET PARKING

### BENFLEET

£199,995



Three Bedrooms  
23' x 12' Lounge / Diner  
12' x 11' Conservatory  
Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom  
Cul de Sac Location

### LEIGH ON SEA

£210,000



Three Bedrooms  
21' x 12' Lounge / Diner  
10' x 9' Kitchen  
11' x 10' Master Bedroom  
Garage and Off Street Parking  
40' Rear Garden

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### HULLBRIDGE

£189,995



2 bedrooms  
South facing rear garden  
Gas Central Heating by radiators  
Popular village location  
Viewing recommended

### HULLBRIDGE

£125,000



DETACHED PARK HOME  
THREE BEDROOMS  
OFF STREET PARKING  
NO ONWARD CHAIN

### RAYLEIGH

£194,750



Two Bedrooms  
Lounge 21' (max) x 18'6"  
Garage in Block to Rear  
No Onward Chain

### RAYLEIGH

£310,000



Three Bedrooms  
Lounge and Sitting Area  
Study  
Viewing Recommended

### BENFLEET

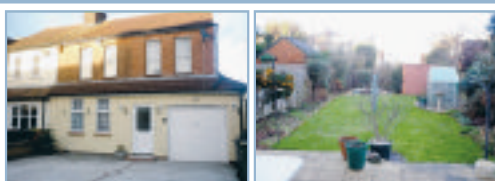
£239,995



Semi- detached chalet house  
Three bedrooms  
Two reception rooms  
Rear garden  
Off street parking

### RAYLEIGH

£275,000



Semi-detached house  
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### HULLBRIDGE

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Three Bedrooms  
Lounge 17'3" x 12'7"  
Ground Floor Cloakroom  
40 ft Rear Garden  
Parking to Rear

### CHALKWELL

£699,999



Waterfront Apartment With Estuary Views  
Large Balcony/Sun Terrace  
Three Bedrooms  
Master Bedroom with En Suite and  
Dressing Room

### RAYLEIGH

£325,000



Three / Four Bedroom Victorian Semi  
Prominent High Street Position  
Three / Four Reception Rooms  
Extended to Rear and Side  
Detached Double Garage and Parking

### WICKFORD

Offers in Excess  
Of £165,000



Cul de Sac Position  
Lounge 19'5" x 11'3"  
Separate Dining Room  
Three Bedrooms  
Ground Floor Cloakroom

### RAYLEIGH

£189,995



Being offered with no onward chain is  
this two bedroom end of terrace  
property which is situated on the much  
sought after Birds development which is  
within easy access to Rayleigh mainline  
station. Amongst the benefits on offer  
there is an en suite to the master  
bedroom and ground floor cloakroom.

### HULLBRIDGE

£230,000



DETACHED BUNGALOW  
TWO BEDROOMS  
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS  
NO ONWARD CHAIN



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CLOSE TO CHALKWELL PARK

### WESTCLIFF £177,000

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CLOSE TO STATION

### SHOEBURY £169,995

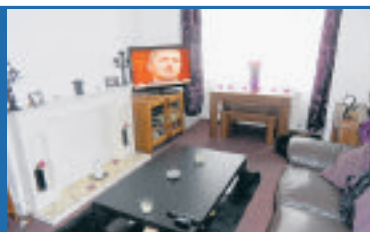
LOCATED CLOSE TO SHOEBURY EAST BEACH AND TRAIN STATION NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS 3 BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE WITH KITCHEN/DINER, CONSERVATORY, GARAGE TO REAR.



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### WESTCLIFF £79,995

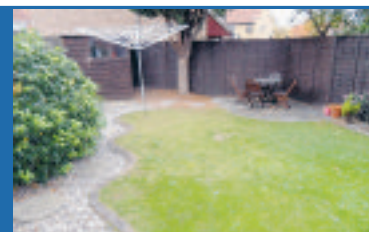
LOCATED IN WESTCLIFF NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT WITH GARDEN. THE PROPERTY HAS A LOUNGE, KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND IS LOCATED WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF CHALKWELL PARK.



CORNER PLOT

### SHOEBURY Offers over £125,000

ONE BEDROOM END OF TERRACED STARTER HOME WITH THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF AN ADDITIONAL LOFT ROOM THE PROPERTY OFFERS A FITTED KITCHEN, ALLOCATED PARKING AND SECLUDED GARDEN.



FIRST FLOOR FLAT

### SHOEBURY £109,950

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT WITH OWN GARDEN, THE PROPERTY ALSO OFFERS OFF STREET PARKING, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING IDEAL FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER. KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWINGS.



CLOSE TO TOWN

### WESTCLIFF £79,995

LOCATED CLOSE TO SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE NORTON PROPERTIES ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT THE PROPERTY HAS ITS OWN ENTRANCE DOOR, LOUNGE TO FRONT, BEDROOM, BATHROOM WITH SEPARATE WC AND A KITCHEN/DINER 19'8 X 8'6.



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### WESTCLIFF £159,995

NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS 3 BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE, THE PROPERTY OFFERS A FITTED KITCHEN, DINING ROOM, DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM AND A FURTHER WC TO FIRST FLOOR AND OFFERS NO ONWARD CHAIN.



SOLE AGENTS

### WESTCLIFF £215,000 Offers over

NORTON PROPERTIES ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW IT HAS A LOUNGE TO REAR WITH VIEWS OVERLOOKING THE GARDEN, EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM, OFF STREET PARKING TO FRONT, GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM AND WITHIN ACCESS OF TESCO'S, LOCAL SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL AND LOCAL AMENITIES.



SOLE AGENTS

### THE GARRISON £194,950

A SUPERB CONTEMPORARY TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT ON THE EVER POPULAR GARRISON DEVELOPMENT. THE APARTMENT'S ACCOMMODATION COMPRISES OF EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM TO MASTER BEDROOM, MODERN FITTED BATHROOM, LOUNGE/DINER WHICH IS OPEN PLAN TO A FITTED KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES, PARKING AND WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF THE SEAPRONT AND TRAIN STATION.



SOLE AGENTS

### EASTWOOD £182,000

NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED ON A CORNER PLOT THE PROPERTY HAS A 22' LOUNGE, CONSERVATORY, FITTED KITCHEN AND DETACHED GARAGE WITH DRIVEWAY



SOLE AGENTS

### SHOEBURY £154,995

WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER FOR SALE THIS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF SHOEBURY EAST BEACH, THE HIGH STREET FOR LOCAL SHOPS AND SHOEBURY TRAIN STATION FOR TRAINS TO LONDON FENCHURCH STREET. IT OFFERS A LOUNGE/DINER, KITCHEN AND TWO SHOWER ROOMS ACCOMPANIED VIEWINGS ONLY.



SOLE AGENTS

### SOUTHEND £104,950

NORTON PROPERTIES ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS ONE / TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE FOR LOCAL SHOPS AND TRAIN STATION IT OFFERS A LOUNGE, KITCHEN/DINER, OWN SECTION OF GARDEN AND SHOWER ROOM. KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWINGS



# BRADLEYS

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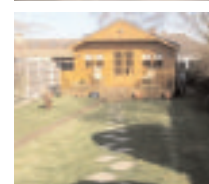
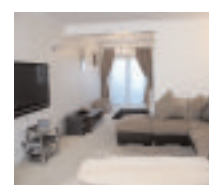
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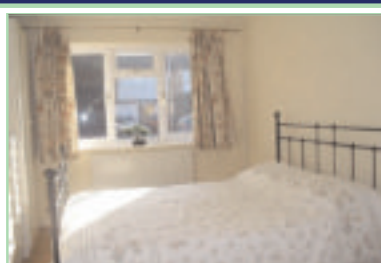
**HADLEIGH £279,950 SOLE AGENTS**  
A MODERN 5 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME LOCATED A STONES THROW FROM HADLEIGH COUNTRY PARK. Offering large L shaped lounge, quality kitchen/diner, 3 double & 2 good sized single bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, nicely decorated. Off Street Parking for 6. Carport & garage. 60ft garden. Viewing advised.



**HOCKLEY £1,050 PCM**  
MODERN 3 BEDROOM CHALET WITH SEPARATE ONE BEDROOM OUTBUILDING. A clean and modern property that offers 3 double bedrooms, a large lounge/diner, fitted kitchen and outbuilding with a bedroom, lounge and shower room. Viewing strongly Advised!



**HADLEIGH £275,000 SOLE AGENTS**  
A DELIGHTFUL 3 BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MORRISONS SUPERMARKET AND THE HIGH STREET. The property offers 2 double and 1 good size single bedrooms, a large 'L' shaped kitchen, good size living room, off street parking for up to 6 cars and a garage.



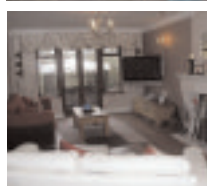
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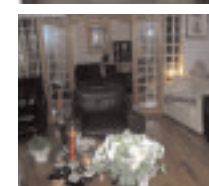
**THUNDERSLEY £795,000 SOLE AGENTS**  
LUXURY 4 BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME IN A SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION WITH 265' GARDEN BACKING ONTO THUNDERSLEY GLEN. An Impressive property with 4 large bedrooms, 3 spacious reception rooms and a double garage. King John Catchment. Viewing essential.



**THUNDERSLEY £399,950**  
AN IMPRESSIVE 4 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME WITH 130' SOUTH FACING GARDEN IN THE KING JOHN CATCHMENT AREA. A large home that boasts 4 good size bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, a garage and off street parking for 4+ cars. View today!



**DAWS HEATH £379,950**  
A SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME SET WITHIN A QUIET RESIDENTIAL AREA IN DAWS HEATH. The property offers 3 double bedrooms, 3 good size reception rooms, a large fitted kitchen and a 120' (approx) garden. Tastefully decorated property. Viewing advised.



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### 351 London Road, Hadleigh



**NEW - ICE CREAM KIOSK - PALMEIRA ARCHES, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.** The original Rossi ice cream kiosk est in 1932. Superb seafront location amongst the very well patronised Arches Cafés which enjoy all year round custom. Good lifestyle business opportunity. Currently trading April-October only with scope to open weekends during the winter if required or at anytime the sun is shining! 20 year council lease, rent only £4,950 per annum. Excellent time of year to purchase, ready for the new season. **Price £95,000 Leasehold. Ref. C4378E**



**NEWLY AND IMMACULATELY FITTED BEAUTY, HAIR & NAIL SALON - BRENTWOOD.** A luxurious salon that is no expense spared in fitting the salon with 6 hair styling positions, 2 freestanding back-wash basins, 4 DIR nail stations, 1 beauty room. Newly established September 2010 offering great potential for a new owner to develop the business. Not being run to anywhere near its full potential! 9 years unexpired, rent £16,250 pa. internal viewing is a must to fully appreciate these quality premises. **Price £9,950 Leasehold. Ref. M4209E**



**NEW - CAR SHOWROOM, WORKSHOP & YARD - LONDON ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA.** A corner triple fronted retail premises of approx. 2,615 sq ft (242.8 sq m) enjoying a 50' frontage to the A13. 645 sq ft workshops. Large yard for approximately 8-10 cars. Potentially could be used for other retail uses. New lease, rent £19,950 pax. Keys available for inspection. **Available now! Ref. V4382E**

**SKIING AND EQUESTRIAN CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES - NEAR SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.** Established approx. 30 years and now being sold due to retirement and change of family circumstances. Ideally suit younger more enthusiastic owners! Net annual sales circa. £200,000 @ 50% gpm. 2 websites with online ordering facilities included which account for a good proportion of the sales. 3,000 sq ft retail shop available on a new lease, rent £18,000 pax. Price includes over £100,000 of stock at cost price so the business is for nothing!!! **Price £75,000 Leasehold. Ref. P4372E**

**SANDWICH BAR TAKEAWAY/SIT DOWN WITH REAR TEA GARDEN - SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.** One of best and longest established sandwich bars in the area. Seating for 36 inside with an additional 48 outside. Easy menu with virtually no hot food served. Takings average £3,500 per week with massive potential for new owners to introduce deliveries and expand buffets. Very good trading position with high levels of passing trade. Secure lease. Must be seen. **£79,950 Leasehold. Ref. C4317E**



**SHOP/OFFICE & 1 BED FLAT APARTMENT - HIGH ROAD, BENFLEET.** Situated down the well-established and busy High Road with lots of passing trade (Vehicular and Walk-by). Newly refurbished shop approx. 296 sq ft and ground floor 1 bedroom apartment, both have been done to a good standard. Available now. **New lease for a term to be agreed, rent £900 pcm. Ref. V4381E**

**EVENT MANAGEMENT/PARTY PLANNING BUSINESS - GREATER LONDON AND SOUTH EAST COUNTIES.** Est. 2004. Easily run from home. 3 profitable revenue streams (Party Planning, Entertainments Agents & Private Venue Hire). Extensive client base to include celebrities, Premiership footballers and high profile business personalities. Sales circa. £165,000 pa producing net profits of over £60,000. The business has enormous potential and is ripe for expansion. Asking price includes a company van, catering equipment, stock, training and ongoing support from the vendor. Further details available upon request. **Price £125,000 Ref. M4379E**

**WOOL, HABERDASHERY, ARTS & CRAFTS - SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS.** Established by the current owner Dec. 09 trading in a good range of products. Town centre trading position opposite a large free customer car park. Takings circa £44,000 pa @ 50% gpm. Secure lease, rent only £6,600 pa. Genuine retirement sale with further potential for a younger, more enthusiastic owner to introduce further lines and develop the business further. **Price £9,950 Leasehold. Ref. M4368E**



**FISH & CHIP TAKEAWAY & 3 BED FLAT - LEIGH-ON-SEA.** Immaculately presented throughout. Extensively equipped to include a 4 pan range. Takings averaging £2,000 p/w and rising. Secure lease, rent only £12,000 pa including 3 double bedroom living accommodation which is currently sub let producing a rental income of £990 pm making the shop virtually rent free!! Excellent opportunity for working owners. Realistically priced for a quick sale. **Price £42,995 Leasehold. Ref. C4341E**



**WELL ESTABLISHED DAY TIME TEA ROOMS - CHELMSFORD.** Good trading position just off the town centre with huge levels of passing trade. Fantastic customer base which has been built up by our clients over the past 13 years. 28 covers over 2 floors incorporating ground floor retail/take-away area. Traditional daytime menu (presently non-licensed). Takings average £3,500 p/w @ 65% gp. Accounts available. New lease for a term to be agreed at £19,000 pax. Lots of potential! **Price £64,950 Leasehold. Ref. C4256E**

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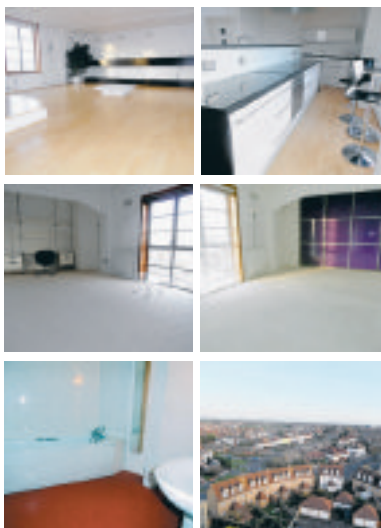
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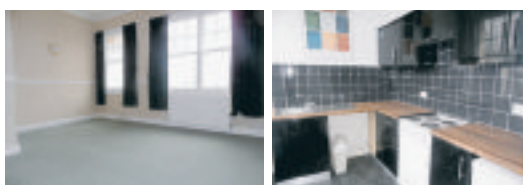
£265,000

Unique duplex penthouse contemporary apartment situated within a sought after development within the heart of Rochford. The property offers spacious open plan living accommodation, two double bedrooms as well as en-suite shower room to master bedroom. The secure development has allocated off street parking for two vehicles. Extensive uninterrupted views over Rochford and beyond.

- Penthouse Apartment
- Open plan living
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Double glazing
- Contemporary kitchen
- Secure off street parking
- Extensive views

## MILTON CONSERVATION AREA

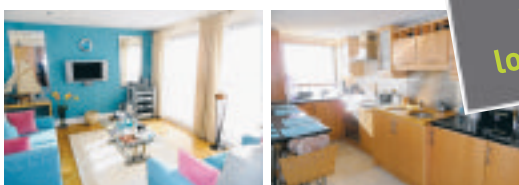
£129,995



We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this immaculate two bedroom first floor apartment being situated within the sought after Milton Conservation Area. The property benefits from a new fitted kitchen and bathroom and includes two bedrooms and allocated off street parking.

## WESTCLIFF ON SEA

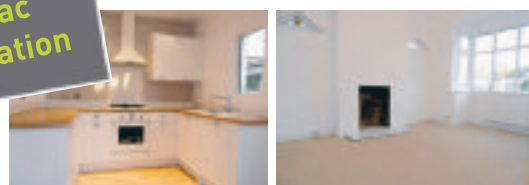
£379,000



We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this immaculate purpose built seafront apartment being situated in a prime location opposite Chalkwell beach and offering no onward chain. The property offers quality fixtures and fittings throughout and there are two double bedrooms, main with en-suite and a fabulous open plan lounge/ kitchen with access to a South facing balcony affording superb views across the Thames Estuary.

## MANNERS WAY ESTATE

£225,000



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this fully refurbished and contemporary three bedroom detached house situated within a cul de sac location on the Manners Way Estate. The property has been extensively refurbished and benefits from attractive kitchen/ diner with French doors leading onto West backing garden. Separate further reception room, newly installed contemporary bathroom suite with separate wc, full double glazing and gas central heating, block paving with off street parking.

## SHOEBURYNESS

£137,995



Immaculate purpose built apartment being in close proximity to Shoebury East Beach and having been recently fully refurbished by the current owner including all new fixtures and fittings throughout, double glazing, gas central heating and rewiring. Lounge, two double bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom/wc, own garage, attractive communal gardens, SHARE OF FREEHOLD.

## SOUTHEND ON SEA

£525 pcm



Purpose built ground floor flat, self contained, large lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for upright fridge/freezer, two double bedrooms, shower room/wc, double glazing, gas central heating, communal gardens.

## WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£600 pcm



Central location of Westcliff is this large fully self contained first floor flat, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with electric four ring gas hob with integrated oven and grill, plumbing and recess for washing machine, two double bedrooms, bathroom with mixer tap and shower attachment, separate wc, double glazing and gas central heating, whole of the front garden with off street parking.

## MILTON CONSERVATION AREA

£1,200 pcm



Fully detached family house situated within the sought after Milton Conservation Area, recently refurbished, spacious ground floor living accommodation including lounge/diner, further separate reception room, newly fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, stainless steel extractor fan, integrated dishwasher and washing machine, recess for upright fridge/freezer, ground floor cloakroom/wc, four double bedrooms, one bedroom having rear balcony, bathroom with electric shower over the bath, separate wc, front, rear and side gardens, off street parking, double glazing, gas central heating.

## LEIGH ON SEA

£950 pcm



Central location of Leigh is this attractive detached bungalow with off street parking and offering good sized accommodation, newly installed attractive bathroom with shower over, white suite and chrome fittings, separate wc, spacious entrance hall/ dining area with fireplace, large living room with dress units and fireplace, three bedrooms (two double and one single), kitchen/diner with newly installed integrated oven and grill with four ring electric hob, stainless steel extractor fan, recess for upright fridge/freezer

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**WESTCLIFF ON SEA £345,000**

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**WESTCLIFF ON SEA £299,995**

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**WESTCLIFF ON SEA £325,000**

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**WESTCLIFF £175,000**

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**WESTCLIFF £136,500**

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN AND STYLE on offer here with this smart 2 bedroom 2nd floor flat .Situating in the heart of Westcliff , Superb kitchen & Bathroom. Allocated parking to the rear. Handy for shops & easy walk of station. ONE TO VIEW.



**WESTCLIFF ON SEA £279,995**

A MUST SEE! - This newly remodelled Detached Chalet on the Westcliff/Leigh boarders. Features Jack & Jill En suite to bedrooms 2 & 3.. 23' Luxury fitted Open plan Kitchen/Diner, fully tiled ground floor family bathroom. No onward chain - keys held.



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### CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £335,000

Three storey three bedroom Victorian property. Two reception rooms plus conservatory. Basement room. Utility area and ground floor cloakroom. South facing garden and driveway. Barons Court school catchment. Possible dual occupation. Victorian character and charm.



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### WESTCLIFF ON SEA £162,950

Three bedroom semi-detached house. Lounge. Kitchen/diner. Majority double glazed. Gas fired heating (not tested). Rear garden approximately 45'. Potential for off-street parking to front. In need of some remedial works. Would suit first time buyer looking for a project or an investor.



### SOUTHEND ON SEA £119,995

Three bedroom semi-detached prefabricated house. Lounge. Dining area. Kitchen. Cloakroom. Bathroom. Approximate 50' rear garden. Potential for off-street parking. No onward chain.



### SOUTHEND ON SEA £169,950

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### WESTCLIFF ON SEA £59,995

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### WESTCLIFF ON SEA £82,500

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Plans for the £1 billion revamp of the town centre which would include a new market, hotel, cinema, college and up to 2,000 new homes, including many affordable homes, will go on show in mid-February.

Eight areas in Basildon town centre have been earmarked for a major overhaul, including East Square, Broadmayne, the Eastgate Centre, Town Square and St Martin's Square.

According to the plans by developers Barratt Wilson Bowden, between 1,500 and 2,000 new homes will be built, along with 25,000 square metres of offices and 40,000 square metres of retail and leisure space.

Basildon Borough Council has described its plans for the next 20 years as "one of the biggest town centre redevelopments in the country".

The council said the first phase of work could be completed by 2017.

Large scale infrastructural projects generally presents property investors with a good opportunity to cash-in on improvements made to an area.

Fortunately, a number of housebuilders are already hard at work developing new and improved homes in Basildon.

Persimmon Homes is developing a collection of two-three- and four-bedroom houses at Church Park. Prices range from £160,000 to £199,995.

Barratt Homes is building one- and two-bedroom homes at a development called Axis, with prices starting from £125,000.

Beechwood Village is Swan New Homes newest development in Essex offering a mix of contemporary one- and two-bedroom apartments and two-, three- and four-bedroom homes. Prices range from £168,000 to £234,000.

Housebuilder Weston Homes is also catering to the high demand for new homes in Essex by launching the latest phase of 112 one- and two-bedroom luxury apartments at their Morello Quarter development in Basildon.

The new phase will comprise 425 luxury one- and two-bedroom apartments, with prices ranging from £129,000 to £165,000. Designer Kitchens with a range of integrated appliances and luxurious bathrooms with en-suites have been fitted in many of the apartments. The development also includes communal landscaped gardens, courtyard, terraces and secure undercroft allocated car parking.

The early sales success achieved at these developments suggest that buying a new home in Essex during the off-plan stage of construction is finally starting to prove popular again. This presents homebuyers with an opportunity to potentially secure a new home at a discount on the retail property price, particularly during the early phases of construction.

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As you state that the scheme holds the deposit, it appears that you may have protected the deposit in the custodial Deposit Protection Scheme. After 14 days have passed from the end of the tenancy, you can lodge a claim for the deposit to be paid to you as compensation for the damage.

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# Drivetime

## Hard to ignore Honda's state-of-the art hatchback

by Andy Enright

THE NINTH-generation Honda Civic retains the bold styling theme but beefs up quality, improves efficiency and pays particular attention to ride and refinement. An already strong package just got a whole lot better. Its rivals should try this top 2.2 i-DTEC diesel model - and worry.

Honda played a clever trick with the last car. Beneath the radical styling sat a chassis setup that was, if anything, less complex than its predecessor's. Gone was the multi-link rear suspension, replaced with a simple yet space-efficient torsion

beam. The ninth generation car continues this theme, Honda reasoning that if it could make the feisty Type-R work, and work well, with a torsion beam rear then there was clearly nothing wrong with the fundamental layout. This time round it also uses clever fluid-filled compliance bushes to improve overall ride and handling. A lot of resource has been poured into improving ride and refinement on this car, with particular emphasis placed on reducing wind noise and improving the cabin noise insulation. Using Honda's anechoic chamber in Swindon, engineers even managed to identify how the head lining reacted acoustically with the roof and have optimised its noise suppression characteristics.

The standout engine in the Civic line up is undoubtedly the 2.2-litre i-DTEC

diesel, which gets a shot in the arm in the shape of a 10bhp boost over its predecessor. Big engine in small car is always a formula that brings a smile to the face and when it's as muscular as this diesel, which manages a hefty 350Nm of torque, you just know the results are going to be good.

The designers of the new Civic wanted to keep the sporty and advanced elements of the car's character but tweak them to express a more dynamic feel. The car is 20mm lower and 10mm wider than its predecessor, giving it a squatter, more purposeful stance. This 'blended body' features smarter aerodynamics, including a rear light cluster that works as an aerodynamic spoiler, managing air flow over the top and sides of the car. The interior is focused around the driver and, like the eighth generation car, features a split-level instrument binnacle. One area where clear strides could be made was in the perceived quality of the cabin.

An investment of over £20,000 is needed to get you into a 2.2 i-DTEC Civic - which may lead some potential buyers to start talking to their Honda dealers about the 120PS 1.6-litre diesel engine also developed for this car.

Whichever Civic diesel you choose,

you should find your car to be decently equipped. All models include alloy wheels, LED daytime running lights, climate controlled auto air conditioning, the i-MID driver information display, all-round electric windows and power mirrors, an alarm and a Hill Start Assist system to stop you rolling backwards on uphill junctions. You also get a stereo system clever enough to use its neat shark fin-style radio antenna to re-tune itself to your favourite radio station as you drive through areas of different frequencies. Plus it offers USB port and iPod connectivity.

And glory be, you even get a rear wiper! I wouldn't normally bother to mention this feature but unbelievably, the previous Civic hatch never had one, the designers talking of droplet-dispersing aerodynamics and forgetting how useless that is in slow traffic.

Popular options and features further up the range include sat nav, a rear parking camera, Bluetooth connectivity, smart locking and Bi-Xenon HID headlights that automatically dip themselves at night.

As you'd expect from a car in this class in this day and age, twin front, side and curtain airbags are standard right across the range, as is Honda's VSA stability control system and the usual electronic aids for braking and

traction. You also get active front head restraints to minimise accident whiplash and isofix childseat fastenings - and a front end section of the car designed to minimise pedestrian injuries.

Emitting just 110g/km of CO2 while producing a powerful 148bhp in a bigger car with far better torque is quite some achievement.

The Honda Civic offers a fascinating insight into the development of a modern car. Its progression can clearly be broken down into those aspects of the old car that needed to be significantly improved, those that needed to be retained, and those that just needed a slight modification. In all of these areas, Honda's judgement looks very shrewd, this ninth-generation Civic still offering a bold and confident image but one that's now backed up with better build, massively superior efficiency and a improved packaging.

In this 2.2 i-DTEC guise, you get arguably the most appealing package in the range, the extra torque of this 148bhp engine meaning that it's not necessary to rev the car so hard, so you don't have to put up with the engine noise that afflicts petrol-powered variants. With sharper running costs and great design, this is a state-of-the-art family hatch it's difficult to ignore.



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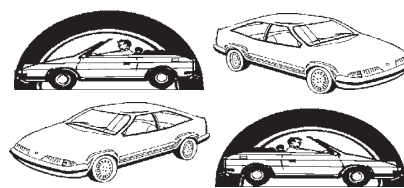
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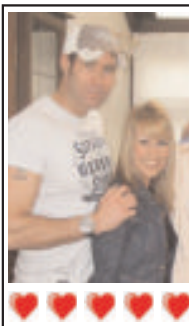
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## Late double denies Blues victory

Southend United

TWO GOALS in the last four minutes restricted Southend United to just a point as lowly Plymouth Argyle battled back to earn a 2-2 draw in the only game in League Two on Saturday.

Michael Timlin and David Martin put the Blues in control by half-time, but the Pilgrims staged a late comeback with a two minute double salvo through Nick Chadwick and Alex McDonald.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock admitted that holding on to a two-goal lead for the majority of the game affected his team's play.

He said: "I have played and been involved in hundreds of games like that, where a team is so dominant and all of a sudden decides it is going to happen and then goes to sleep. That is what we did.

"I also want to look on the positive side and we are still in the top three, second, and we will take a point because the aim is to win our home games and pick points up away. If we do that we are going to be promoted."

It took just 59 seconds for the Shrimpers to gain the lead, with Timlin charging down Pilgrims keeper Jake Cole's clearance following a poor back pass from Luke Young, and the ball rolled into the net.

Plymouth's Paul Wotton had two chances from distance go wide, while Peter Gilbert and Bilel Mohsni came close at the other end.

On 34 minutes, Blues doubled their lead when



**POSITIVE:** Southend boss Paul Sturrock looked for the plus point, despite seeing his side concede the late goals.

Liam Dickinson's shot found its way to Martin who was on hand to divert the ball into the roof of the net.

With the two-goal cushion, Blues sat on their lead

in the second half as Plymouth pushed on to find a route into the match.

Shrimpers keeper Glenn Morris had to be alert to keep out efforts from Ashley Hemmings, Chadwick and Wotton.

The Blues had their chances to kill the game off with Ryan Hall's shot gathered by Cole, who was also alert to keep out Mohsni's header.

But Plymouth got one goal back on 86 minutes when Chadwick's shot from 20 yards went in, despite Morris getting a big hand to the ball.

Two minutes later and it was all square when substitute Alex MacDonald, on loan from Burnley, was the quickest to react to put the ball in after Joe Lennox's shot hit the post.

There was late drama when Blues' appeals for a penalty were turned down by the referee after Mohsni went down under a challenge from Cole in stoppage time.

But Southend were left stunned by the late comeback, although Sturrock praised his former club.

He added: "All of a sudden we decided to play back passes and side passes in really poor conditions and one or two of them just sauntered through the last half-hour of that game thinking it was all over, and we paid the price.

"I have let them know that. At the end of the day you have got to give credit to Plymouth and at the end there they kept fighting and came battling right through, trying to be positive in their approach."

West Ham United

## Ten-men Irons win derby spoils

WEST Ham United boss Sam Allardyce said his side's 2-1 win over derby rivals Millwall on Saturday could be a 'defining moment' in their quest for promotion from the Championship.

The Irons had captain Kevin Nolan receive a straight red card early on but took the lead through Carlton Cole's header.

Liam Trotter volleyed Millwall's equaliser midway through the second half but Winston Reid fired in West Ham's winner, despite Millwall's protests that keeper David Forde was fouled in the build up play.

The win helped West Ham move four points clear of Southampton, who were held to a goalless draw in the evening kick-off at Birmingham.

Hammers boss Sam Allardyce said: "It was a result we deserved. We managed the disappointment of Kevin going off, we didn't sit back and we got our reward. It could be a defining moment. There's a pressure in this fixture and you have to handle that."

Skipper Nolan's afternoon was ended early when he went in with a two-footed lunge on Jack Smith, but referee Mike Jones thought it was too dangerous and showed him the red card. Allardyce did not agree with the decision.

He said: "He was in control, it wasn't over-vigorous. But it looks like the refs are told to red card that now. It's going to spoil the game."

The Lions looked to make their numerical advantage count, with Irons keeper Robert Green diving bravely at the feet of Darius Henderson, but it was the home side who were in front on 45 minutes, with Cole heading in Mark Noble's free-kick.

It should have been 2-0 soon after the break, but Julien Faubert's effort came back off the bar.

It proved costly as Millwall were level on 65 minutes, Henderson beating Abdoulaye Faye to pull the ball back for Trotter to volley over Green.

The blow was only temporary as the Irons were back in front three minutes later, but in controversial circumstances.

Faubert placed Lions keeper Forde under pressure, forcing him to punch the ball away. With Forde laid flat on his back, the ball dropped to Reid who lashed the ball home for the winner.

Baseball

## Redbacks to expand

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"We look forward to starting work on the construction in March and need as many volunteers as possible to complete it before the start of the season."

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## Sidecar team look for sponsors

Motorsport

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Last year was a breakthrough year for the pairing in the premiere sidecar championship in the country, which supports the popular British Superbikes Championship.

They finished a creditable fifth place in the championship, missing out on third place in the last race of the season, and scored their first podium position.

Lee said: "We have struggled to find sponsors

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**APPEAL:** Team JH Racing's driver Ben Holland, and passenger, Lee Watson. Picture by Eric O'Brien

## Wickford outfit welcome Nigerian teen for 2012

A MOTOR racing team from Wickford has signed a Nigerian teenager to compete in 2012.

RPD Motorsport, who will be competing in the Formula Renault BARC Championship, reached a deal with 18-year-old Ovie Iroto to compete in his maiden season in cars, and become the first Nigerian to compete in a Formula Renault Championship.

The series is one of the most popular entry level single seater championships in the country, featuring 14 rounds contested over four double header and two triple header meetings and boasting grids of more than 20 cars.

RPD is run by Steven Durant from Southbourne Grove, Wickford, who has been the team's driver since it was formed in 2007, but will take over as Ovie's race engineer.

Steven said: "We are thrilled to have Ovie on board. Even in the short time we have been working together, he has been fast



**NEW DRIVER:** Nigerian driver Ovie Iroto (right) will drive RPD Motorsport's Formula Renault car in 2012.

Picture by Derek Smith

learning, easy to work with and shows great dedication. We have no doubt he will produce great things, and think he may prove to be a title contender in 2012."

Ovie began his racing career in karting in his home-

land but has since moved to the UK, studying in Scotland.

He said: "I chose Formula Renault BARC because of its mix of close competitive racing and its great reputation. I also think it provides the best

experience and training available at this level. Ultimately I would love to aim for an F1 seat, and felt this is the best place to start."

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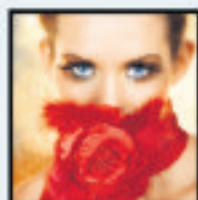
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